

### REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 9-24 stand rejected. Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled herein without prejudice.

The assignee thanks the examiner for indicating that claims 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The assignee respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose the subject matter of the claims that were not indicated as allowable, but in order to expedite prosecution of this application, the independent claims have been amended with the subject matter of dependent claim 6, which has been indicated as allowable. Because the independent claims are allowable, their respective dependent claims are also allowable and should proceed to issuance.

For the foregoing reasons, the assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable. Therefore, the examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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